### PANAY SCOUTS.

### Characteristics of the Troops that Will be Used Against Ladrones.

ILOILO, ISLE OF PANAY. pecial correspondence to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.
The organization of the Panay Scouts and similar bodies of native soldiers in the Philippines would indicate that the Government intends to use some of these Filipino organizations to take the place of the departing volunteers. Certainly these native soldiers are well worth using ican occupation of the island.

for home garrisons, scouts, messengers I have seen as many as 25 of these proand patrols. Your correspondent has been drilling these new members of Uncle Sam's forces since the Panay scouts were

first formed about five months ago, Only one scout out of the four companies on the island of Panay has de-

prefer to watch others do something than do it themselves, the American soldiers always have a good and appreciative au-dience whenever they drill or shoot.

RELIGIOUS PROCESSIONS. I have found the inhabitants of Iloilo, and, in fact, of the island of Panay wherever I have been, all very religious. It is not unusual to see nearly the entire population of some smaller town or of some district of Hoilo, young and old alike, marching in a church procession. Usually in Hoilo these columns of marchers are accompanied by a head and after the second of the sec ers are accompanied by a band and often

choir. No matter what a Filipino may wear on other occasions, when the church is concerned he turns out in his very best, and these processions present a gorgeous display of native finery, with some styles of later introduction, the result of Amer-

essions in Hoilo during the past year. FILIPINOS ADOPTING AMERICAN CUSTOMS.

The writer arrived in the Philippines with the first troops of occupation during the Spanish-American war, and noticed



A CHURCH PROCESSION IN ILOILO. considerable assistance to the United States soldiers in identifying suspects and

in rounding-up ladrones and guerrillas, The country was overrun with free booters last Summer, but since there have been many small detachments of these scouts on the trails the cut-throats have

pying the same barracks. From these points the scouts are sent out as needed in command of an American officer or non-commissioned officers.

The scouts have been drilled in the same manual and with American commands, so that they can work well with our own men. Although not excelling in courage, the native soldier stands his ground well under fire.

When I get into a tight place I get in the rear of the scouts, with revolver, ready to shoot down the first scout that attempts to run. In this way the scout erable time to going through the markets, the rear of the scouts, with revolver, knows that there is as much danger in his rear as in front, and he will stand to

his post until ordered to retreat.

I notice that many of the scouts are inclined to be musical. Our band is made up from the musical members who have managed to secure instruments through popular subscriptions and from savings from salaries. The hand is a good one, and does much toward passing away the long evening hours.

WATCHING TARGET PRACTICE. The Filipinos enjoy watching the U. S.

been obliged to seek the juagle or disband.

In most cases the detachments of Panay scouts are stationed with the American garrisons in the cities and towns, occu-

and by the American storekeepers, who have come here with the necessary stocks of utensils for providing the native fami-lies with table ware, articles which they were not able to buy before, as no one had them for sale.

The Americans have established some

new customs for the dress of the natives, and new white suits have superseded breech cloth. The markets of the Philippines are one

for in these he will find all sorts of native goods for sale and see all descriptions of native characters, from the native belle to

the ladrone of the hills.

The merchants carry lines of small wares, clothes, cigars, matches, trinkets,

> Saying a Lot. Puck

English Sport-Old McCorfries was considered a clever puglifst in his day, wasn't he? soldiers at target practice. The Filipinos appear to have a great amount of waste time on their hands, and as they

for eating purposes.

These improvements have been wrought by the Americans, soldiers and civilians, all else. A British officer said to me: 'How plies were infinitely more generous in quantity and quality than that of the others, it was not packed with the scrupu-lous care for safe carriage and quick handling. In this particular the Japanese

and British were without rivals,
"The Japanese allowed few packages
to exceed 100 pounds in weight or about
three cubic feet in volume. All boxes,
generally, except ammunition cases, etc., were covered with rice-straw matting neatly sewed with the same material at the corners, and tied in two directions with a rope or braid of the same. Sacks were also protected with a like outer covering. This material is light, strong and very clastic, and protected the inner case or sack so thoroughly that their loss from broken packages was practically nil.
"Then also the small size and moderate weight of the packages permitted of rapid handling, and, whether it was at the transport's side, 12 miles off shore in a

TRANSPORTING OF MILITARY STORES.

Observations of an American Officer With the Allied Troops in China.

Capt. Thomas Franklin, A. C. S., U.
S. V., who accompanied the American conweight 600 pounds, put up in a thin.

"Contrast this with a case of stationery, weight 600 pounds, put up in a thin, flimsy white-pine case, and which from rough handling and its own weakness has come to pieces in the bottom of a junk. "Think of the time and stores lost in repacking, for the coolie never iails to steal even if he knows that the bamboo and the loss of his most particular in the loss of his particular in the loss of his most particular in the loss of his parti V., who accompanied the American contingent to China, when the Allied troops assembled to rescue the besieged legation assembled to rescue the besieged legationers in Pekin, on his return to Manila, P. I., forwarded to the Adjutant-General of even if he knows that the bamboo and the loss of his much-prized cue is the inevitable result of detection. It's a gamble with the coolie, be he Chinaman, Japanese or festive Filipino, and they are all gamblers. If this particular case had been put up in six 100-pound boxes, they would have arrived in good order, and have been unloaded in a tithe of the time.

"The British (Indian Army), practice is the United States Army a report of his observations while in China, in which he "As there is no doubt in my mind that

"The British (Indian Army), practice is very much the same. Small uniform pack-ages, with a heavy jute sacking instead of the Jap rice-straw matting. One hun-dred and sixty pounds is the load for their

dred and sixty pounds is the load for their packmules, hence (as their transportation was nearly all pack-trains), their packages averaged about 80 pounds.

"The Russians did not seem to have much of any stores except a liberal sup-ply of ammunition, which, as was the practice of all the powers, was put up in small, neat, strong packages of about 80 pounds.

pounds.

"The French, that is those who came at first, viz., Marine infantry, I believe from Tonkin, had a miscellaneous collection of stores of all shapes and sizes, which seemed to have been purchased for the occasion in various East Asian ports, judging from the marks upon them. The troops who came later had regular supplies, generally nicely packed, but not with the same care as those of the British and Japs. They also had some mean packages to transport, viz., Claret casks of great size and weight. It was a common occurrence for the monotony of our teamsters' size and weight. It was a common occur-rence for the monotony of our teamsters' life to be broken by the sight of an ob-stinate Chinese mule, an irate Frenchman and an overturned Pekin cart with its load of one wine cask at the bottom of me gully.
"The foregoing remarks apply to the

Italians and Austrians as well.

"The Germans were as bad as our-selves; they had their stores in big, flimsy cases, and in consequence I saw many broken at every shipping point. As they had little or no transportation except what they slowly gathered in the country, they were put to much trouble in trying to ake a four-foot box fit a three-foot cart.
"As a rule our subsistence stores were very well packed in strong cases of moderate weight and volume. Sacks were all double sacked and were quite strong

"Quartermaster's supplies, as a rule, were very poorly put up, cases too large and much too heavy. More proportionate breakage of cases occurred in this class than my other. Then, too, the cases should be made with reference to fitting an escort

"Most all of the ordnance stores were put up in very bulky and heavy packages. all cise. A British officer said to me. How often do you give your men this excellent bacon? "Twenty-one times a week if they want it, said I; and he didn't believe me. But while our food and other sup-I remember several cases of powder that weighed 400 pounds net, and it took all the coolies that covid crowd around it to

"Medical supplies were better put up regards weight and volume, but many cases were of too flussy material to with stand the hard assge of such long and complex transportation."

Passing of the Minnesota.

The old Minnesota is to be offered for sale at auction, following the custom of disposing of naval vessels which have out-lived their usefulness. The passing of the Minnesota is an historic incident. The ves-sel figured in several important naval fights, including the engagement between the Merrimac and the Union squadron in Hampton Roads, The Minnesota has been used at Boston as a barracks by the Mass-achisetts Naval Militia, but the latter organization has no further use for it. There was some talk of the Minnesota being used as a receiving ship for landsmen, but a board of naval officers has reported her heavy swell, unloading from lighters to wharf or rail at Tongku or Tien Tsin, or make her rehabilitation cost more than the from little river junks to store-piles or wagon or pack trains at Tung Chow, it aroused the envy of an American QuarterHow a Spider Killed a Snake.

"Some years ago," said an official of the Bureau of Entomology, " a gentleman living in Chemung County, N. Y., had a pet spider in his store. It was a little browncolored fellow, and made its home under one of the counters. One day the spider discovered a small snake near the nest, and he at once determined to capture the reptile before it had a chance to get him.
"The snake was what is known as a

milk snake, and didn't seem disposed to be in a hurry about getting away. The spider was already at work when the storekeeper discovered the snake. With all the care possible the spider placed a loop around the neck of the snake, weav-ing the little silken-like threads with wonderful rapidity. When the spider was satisfied that the cable was sufficiently strong to support the weight of the snake he began to arrange for pulley-like tackle

the spider had his home. To make doubly sure of his work the little spider passed rapidly up and down the cable adding strand after strand of web. When this was accomplished to the entire satisfaction of the spider he then began the most tion of the spider he then began the most sects." was accomplished to the entire satisfac-tion of the spider he then began the most wonderful part of his whole work. He watched every chance and whenever the snake's head was turned to one side he would throw a strand of web over his head, and in less than half an hour the snake's mouth was bound firm and fast— parfectly muscled so that it was invested. perfectly muzzled so that it was impossifor it to bite the spider.
"Before the work was finished the little

and in a little while the snake's head was lifted off the floor and gradually its whole body was drawn off the floor, and swung ful and remarkable spider story which has ground under the top of the counter where ever reache I us, and it is vouched for by veterans.

some of the best people now living in Chemung County. "Give the house spiders a chance; den't

kill them; they will do lots of service in The Romance of Business According to a special dispatch to the Evening Wisconsin, of Milwaukee, Com-rade M. W. Adams, of Blairstown, N. J.,

who served in the civil war in the 8th battery, Wis. L. A., with a fine war rec-ord, has secured for himself a good wife "Before the work was finished the little spider showed signs of breaking down, moving about with unsteady gait, but he did not retire to his den until the snake happily with his wife until seven years was bound so that it was impossible for it ago, when she died. Several months ago to get free.

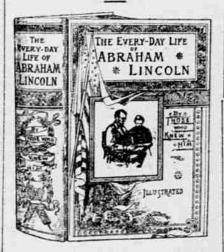
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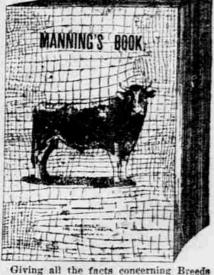
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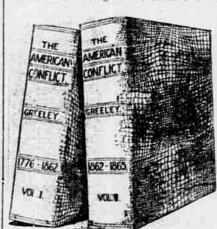
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